

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display meansdevice attached to a front door body of the gaming machine for variably displaying a plurality of symbols;

a lottery meansdevice for executing a lottery of a winning combination; and

a stop meansdevice for controlling the variable display meansdevice to shift from variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of the plurality of symbols based on a result of the lottery,

wherein the stop meansdevice includes one or more stop buttons operable by a player, attached to the front door body;

wherein the one or more stop buttons are provided below the variable display meansdevice; and

wherein a lower display meansdevice is provided below the one or more stop buttons, that is also attached to the front door body, and displays images on the basis of image data stored in the image ROM of a lower display panel image control circuit.

2. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein an optically transmissive electric display meansdevice is provided in front of the variable display meansdevice.

3. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 2, further comprising: special game control meansdevice for generating a special game state advantageous to the player based on a predetermined condition;

wherein the optically transmissive electric display device is controlled for shielding an optical view from the variable display meansdevice in the special game state based on another predetermined condition.

4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine for executing a lottery of a winning combination being composed of a combination of a plurality of symbols, the gaming

machine comprising:

a variable display device attached to a front door body of the gaming machine for variably displaying the plurality of symbols;

one or more stop buttons provided below the variable display device, attached to the front door body, the one or more stop buttons being utilized for controlling the variable display device to shift from variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of the plurality of symbols; and

an electric display device provided below the one or more stop buttons, that is also attached to the front door body, and displays images on the basis of image data stored in the image ROM of a lower display panel image control circuit.

5. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the variable display device and the one or more stop buttons are visible to and optionally operable by a player.

6. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein an optically transmissive electric display device is provided in front of the variable display device.

7. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the gaming machine generates a special game mode advantageous to the player based on a predetermined condition, the optically transmissive electric display device being controlled for shielding an optical view from the variable display device during the special game mode.

8. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the optically transmissive electric display device displays an effect image in the special game mode.

9. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 8, wherein the effect image in the special game mode is determined by an operation order of the one or more stop buttons.